

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of November Rev. Anna Bishop steps back from circuit work and goes on maternity leave. We wish her and Dan every blessing as they prepare for the arrival of their first child.

Although we may see them around at various times, it's important to remember that Anna will not be working during this time. So please be sensitive to this and do not expect Anna (or Dan for that matter) to be involved in the work of the churches - they will have other things to think about!

Before Bridgemy and Portchester folk throw up their hands in horror that you have no minister we are very pleased to announce.....

Starting this quarter, we are joined on the staff team by Rev. Malcolm Rothwell, (who three years ago thought he had **retired** into our circuit). He will be undertaking circuit ministry once again, on a part-time (50%) basis and we look forward to working with him.

Malcolm's day off will be Monday and he will be **"on-call"** on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** especially for Portchester and Bridgemy churches. Please try and restrict your contacts, wherever possible, to those days. He will undertake weddings, funerals, and some church meetings (according to the time he has available). We are also very pleased that he will preach on our plan.

As you know our staff, although they have a special pastoral role with certain churches, work for the circuit as a team. So please feel free to contact any of the other ministers should your minister be unavailable.

God bless,
Malcolm